

THIS WEEK  
CAMPUS

**Encore Series Kicks off Trimester**

“Late Nite Catechism” by Vicki Quade and Maripat Donovan opens this Trimester’s Encore series 7:30 p.m. tonight at the Performing Arts Center.

Orchestra seats cost \$22 and balcony seats will cost \$20. Tickets can be purchased from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Today at the Student Services Center on the first floor of the Administration Building. Season tickets and discounts for groups of ten or more are also available. For more information call the 660-562-1212.

**COMMUNITY**

**Thomson named Chairman for Education Committee**

State Representative Mike Thomson (R-Maryville), was named the House Committee on Appropriations for Education last week.

Thomson represents Missouri’s 4th District in the Missouri House of Representatives.

**Community Right-to-Know Act**

The Nodaway County Local Emergency Planning Committee hereby notifies the public that emergency response plan(s), material safety data sheets and inventory forms have been submitted pursuant to the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act. These materials along with any follow up emergency notices may be reviewed at 222 East Third Street Maryville, Mo. 64468 upon appointment. Contact 660-562-3209 to schedule an appointment.

**BEARCATS**

**Friday**

Track & Field @ Iowa State  
Open 3 p.m.

**Saturday**

Track & Field @ Iowa State  
Open 10:25 a.m.

Track & Field @ Prairie Wolf  
Open, 5:30 p.m., Lincoln, Neb.

Women’s Basketball vs. Emporia State, 1:30 p.m.

Men’s Basketball vs. Emporia State, 3:30 p.m.

**Wednesday**

Woman’s Basketball vs. Washburn, 5:30 p.m.

Men’s Basketball vs. Washburn, 7:30 p.m.

**SPOOFHOUNDS**

**Friday**

Boy’s F/JV/V Basketball vs. Chillicothe, 5 p.m.

Girl’s F/JV/V Basketball @ North Platte 5 p.m.

**Saturday**

V Wrestling @ Midland Empire Conference Tournament, TBA

**Monday**

Girl’s F/JV/V Basketball @ Mid Buchanan, 5 p.m.

**Tuesday**

Boy’s F/JV/V Basketball @ Lafayette, 5 p.m.

Wrestling JV/V vs. Benton, 7 p.m.

**CORRECTIONS**

In the Jan. 15 article “Northwest starts 24-hour lock-down, promotes campus safety,” the term “lock-down” in the headline is taken out of context. The term implies an immediate security threat, which is not the case in this story.

The article headline “Ministry Center will honor Obama and M.L.K. with food drive” suggests the Ministry Center sponsored the event. The Ministry Center is non-partisan; Obama supporters sponsored the drive.

In the article “Counties team up to tackle adult literacy,” Linda Standerford is incorrectly referred to as the Adult Literacy and Education Director. Linda Stephens holds that title.

NATIONAL NEWS | INAUGURATION

On this day, we gather because we have chosen hope over fear, unity of purpose over conflict and discord. - President Barack Obama



WATCHING HISTORY UNFOLD

Campus, Maryville join country in celebrating historic inauguration

By Lisa Houtchens and Kenny Larabee  
*University News Editor and Community News Editor*

The significance and power of the moment in Washington D.C. swept around the world and across the United States. Down to the Midwest. And even into Maryville.

Maryville citizens and Northwest students joined the rest of the world in witnessing the historic day that was Barack Obama taking the oath of office as the 44th President of the United States on Tuesday.

Citizens and students alike got together to view, discuss and reflect on the day’s festivities.

After the inauguration ceremony and subsequent parade, local residents were invited to attend a post-inauguration celebration in the dinner theatre at the Hangar, Tuesday night.

The event, organized by volunteers for the Obama campaign, allowed citizens to eat, drink and socialize with other Americans celebrating the landmark day.

A projector beamed reactions to the day’s festivities onto the big screen and people



EBONY COLBERT SHOUTS with joy as she captures President Obama’s inauguration on her phone. Students and teachers alike gathered together in the Union to witness the historical event.

**CEREMONIAL STATS**

<b>1.8 MILLION</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>\$40M-\$45M</b>
estimated people in attendance in Washington D.C.	official inaugural balls the Obamas and Bidens attended	projected cost of 2009 inauguration parade, balls, opening ceremonies and other expenses

Source: MCT Campus

COMMUNITY NEWS

Maryville businesses weigh in on economy

By Kenny Larabee  
*Community News Editor*

Rising unemployment rates and lackluster retail sales contributing to a sluggish economy may get a lot of play in the national media, but as some recent numbers and insights show, Maryville is far from exempt with the problems plaguing the U.S. economy.

For local citizens, the news is both good and bad. The national unemployment rate stands at 7.2 percent, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Missouri doesn’t lag far behind the national average, with a 6.7 unemployment rate reported in November 2008. That’s up 1.4 percent from the same time a year before.

Nodaway County, on the other hand, has an unemployment rate of 4 percent, up from a 3.3 percent rate from the same time a year ago, but lower than the 5.6 percent high of July, according to Economic Research at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.

Maryville has seen layoffs since late last year. While not isolated to Kelly’s Services, the staffing agency has had to make layoffs in the past few months, including an unspecified amount at Maryville’s largest manufacturing plant, Kawasaki. The layoffs to its temporary employees may just be temporary however, Kelly’s Services District Manager Kristine Winters said.

“We are anticipating that the employees will be recalled,” Winters said. “We’re telling our employees to please stay in touch with us on a regular basis and make sure that their phone numbers are updated so that when we get the word, we can get a hold of them and get them back to work as quickly as possible.”

Manufacturing has been one of the hardest hit sectors of the economy, but as Winters pointed out, that is the case across the country.

“I would just hope that people will understand that this is not something that is exclusive to Kelly’s Services or just exclusive to Kawasaki or exclusive to

**Unemployment Rates**

<b>National</b>	Oct. 2008 6.6 %	Nov. 2008 6.8 %	Dec. 2008 7.2 %
<b>Missouri</b>	Sept. 2008 6.5 %	Oct. 2008 6.5 %	Nov. 2008 6.7 %
<b>Nodaway County</b>	Sept. 2008 4 %	Oct. 2008 4 %	Nov. 2008 4 %

• National and Missouri rates according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics  
• Nodaway County rates according to Economic Research at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.

UNIVERSITY NEWS

Faculty books: Occult religions to finding teachers

By Shane Sherwood  
Senior Reporter

Past and present Northwest faculty members recently released books with topics ranging from Wicca and occult religions to helping education graduates find jobs.

Emeritus English Professor Carrol Fry recently wrote a book, titled, "Cinema of the Occult: New Age, Satanism, Wicca and Spiritualism in Film." He wrote the book to inform people about the backgrounds of occult religions and how films adapt them.

Fry said he first became interested in occult religions when he produced a five-part documentary, "Creeds in Conflict," for KXCV-FM, the Uni-



Carrol Fry



Kristina Alexander



Frank Grispingo

versity's public radio station. He was also a big fan of horror films, which increased his interest in occult religions and how people do not know how many are out there.

"You just don't know occult religions are there until you see their footprints," Fry said.

While Fry taught at Northwest, he taught film study for

many years. He began to notice how films based on occult religions presented the belief.

Fry notices that many Hollywood films presented Wicca in a negative way, he said. These films include, "Practical Magic" and "The Witches of Eastwick."

Fry began the manuscript for the book in 2003, but marketing the book took the longest, he

said. "You have to kiss a lot of frogs until you find the prince," Fry said.

The book is intended for anyone interested in the study of film and occult religions, he said.

"I don't think the book is for high school kids," Fry said.

The book is also intended to educate people about the many religions that occur in the world.

"We think of this country as predominantly Christian, but I think my readers will be interested in other religions," Fry said.

The book was finally published in December 2008 and is available for purchase through Amazon.com.

Current Northwest faculty

members did not write a book about occult religions, but it is important to the teaching society.

Educational Leadership Department Professor and Doctorate Program Professor Frank Grispingo and Educational Leadership Department Assistant Professor Kristina Alexander recently wrote a book, titled, "Finding, Hiring & Keeping the Best Teachers & School Staff: Methods and Management in a Time of Shortage."

The book focuses on helping school personnel who do hiring on finding and keeping good teachers, but mostly targets graduating seniors on how to find jobs.

Grispingo and Alexander decided to write the book because

they believed it was an important topic that was not covered a lot throughout the years.

"This is a topic that didn't have a lot out there on it, and it was an interest in our department," Alexander said.

Planning for the book came after a set of presentations about the subject, and the editor of the publishing company that the book was published by heard the presentation and thought it would be a good idea for a book, Grispingo said.

Before the presentation, however, Grispingo and Alexander knew it was an important topic to cover.

Pro>Active Publications released the book in December 2008 after 2 years of work writing the book, Alexander said.

MLK CELEBRATION

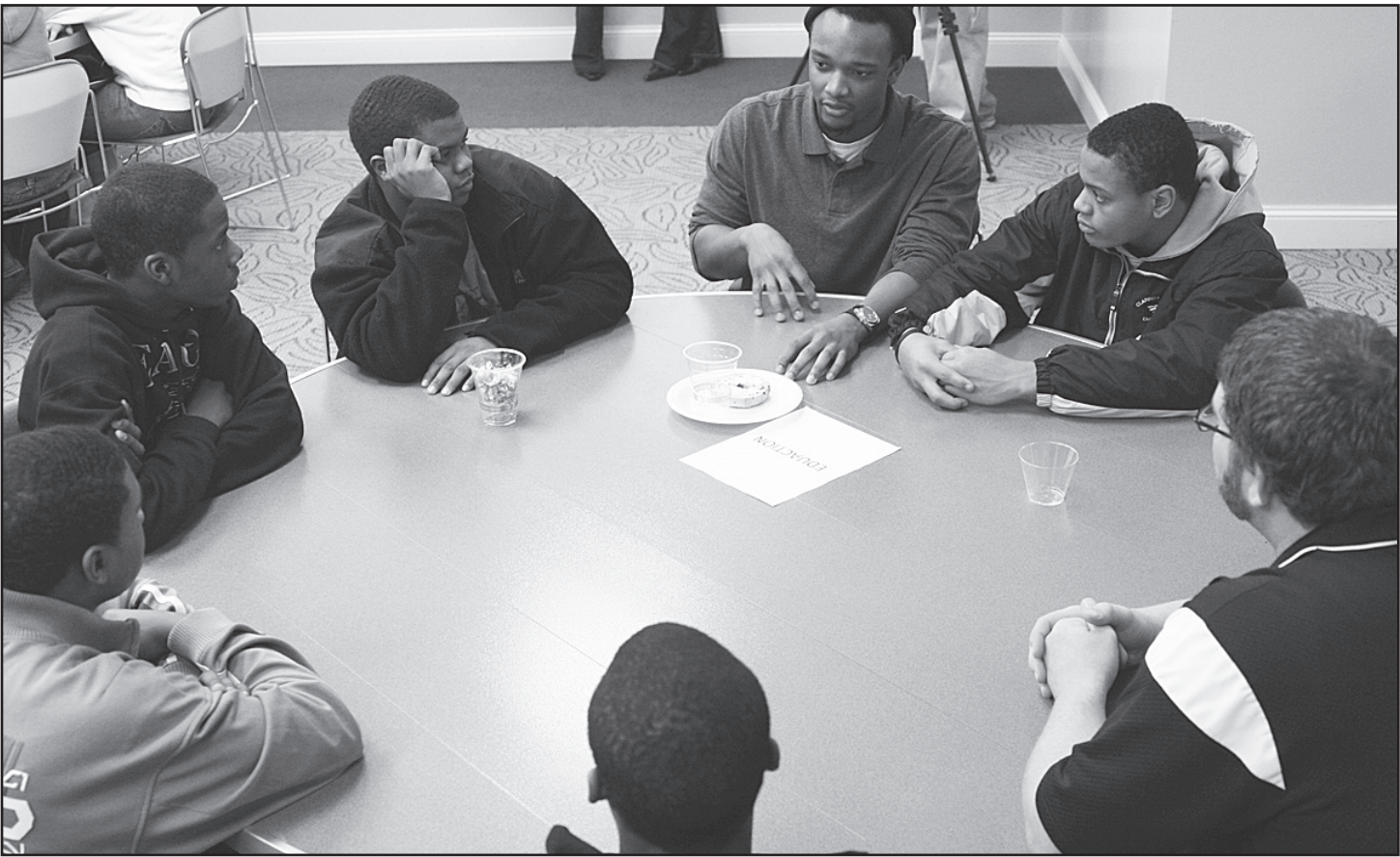


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STUDENTS FROM AREA high schools, the Missouri Academy and the University discuss the topic of black students in higher education during Monday's Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebrations.

'Bunker' simulation puts race issues into perspective

By Kiley Swopes  
Chief Reporter

Northwest students had the opportunity for a short period of time to walk in the shoes of another race.

Archie Bunker's Neighborhood, based on the lead character in the '70s sitcom "All in the Family," was brought to Northwest campus on Monday afternoon.

The simulation was to show participants that a lot of privileges are taken for granted and to make them more aware of equality and society, Ame Lambert director of Intercultural Affairs said.

Each participant was given a colored index card that represented an unidentified race. As a group, each unidentified race had

to work together to build a successful community. While doing so, clues were given to the group to help identify their race.

"I received a blue index card," sophomore Shelby Eagan said. "The first time an escort came to help us they asked if we would help with their math homework and fix their computer. I soon realized we were the Asian community."

The different communities consisted of Asian, Hispanic, black, white and LGBT.

The goal of the game was to make the best community with the most money. The game lasted 15 to 20 minutes. Only one person from the community could leave to purchase a permit at a time and they must be escorted

to and from the permit office by a police officer. In the middle of the simulation, the mayor went to each community to collect taxes on the purchases.

Each community was given a different amount of money to spend and was treated differently based on stereotypes and statistics, Lambert said.

"You can spend your whole life working at a soup kitchen and know nothing about poverty," Lambert said. "The simulation takes us out of our own world and puts us into someone else's world for awhile."

With the money provided during the simulation each race could buy houses, apartments, schools, hospitals, restaurants and parks to expand their com-

munity.

"Once your community receives permits use the piece of paper on the wall to draw your town," Lambert said. "This will give a visual of which community did better."

The police, permit committee and mayor put reality into perspective when they denied or overcharge purchases and put people in jail based solely on race, yet they approved purchases and allowed the white race to break the rules and gave them property for free.

"Overall the stimulation was exaggerated," sophomore Karly Haines said. "But, when you look at the big picture and break it down this is how it is in real life every day."

MLK CELEBRATION

Debate reviews 'I have a dream' speech's relevance following Obama address

By Kiley Swopes  
Chief Reporter

As a culture we should never be satisfied with what we have accomplished, instead we should always strive for more.

At least that's what Ame Lambert director of Intercultural affairs thinks.

After President, Barack Obama's inauguration speech, Northwest students gathered in the J.W. Jones Student Union Boardroom for an open debate and round table on whether or not Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I have a dream" speech was finally realized.

"This is the opportunity to argue for or against the idea that Barack Obama's inauguration represents the fact that the dream has been realized," Lambert said.

A debate is a good way to bring up issues and concerns in a regulated form, David Nelson director of forensics said.

"The debate will raise one issue that we really do not talk about in this country. Race," Nelson said.

Since college students will soon go out into the working world, college campuses are a good place for issues like this to be discussed to help students discover ideas and new ways of thinking, Nelson said.

Two Northwest students held a debate both stating their views on whether the speech was realized. Michael Webster was on the affirmative side while Mark Harris

took the opposing side.

The dream is defined as the strides taken toward equality, Webster said. Being conscious of equality and trying to do better is the dream realized.

"People do not know all the racial slurs out there," Webster said. "Words are just words; however, racism is giving power to words."

The dream is not realized just because the United States elected one black president; the dream is not only based on race, but also on social equality, Harris said.

"One example cannot be provided showing that every race was treated equal at the same time," Harris said. "However, we are taking steps everyday to improve." Immediately after the debate, a round table was formed and anonymous questions were asked.

"The questions are anonymous from classes and even the academy," Lambert said. "Some of the questions are simple, but some are very tough and intelligent."

One feature that would make everyone equal was a topic that was brought up multiple times.

"We cannot all become the same," said Tierra Desso, a member of the panel. "We cannot have the same race, religion, political views or beliefs. We may be able to have some of them but not all and therefore If we were all the same the dream would be realized, but it's impossible."

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MARYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

MHS students sing their way to state performance

By Shane Sherwood  
Senior Reporter

Two Maryville High School seniors are preparing for another performance for the Missouri All-State Choir. Cody Bradley and Mitch Gallagher were recently selected to perform in the All-State Choir for the second year in a row. Rehearsals begin Wednesday, and the performance will be on Jan. 31 at the Tan-Tar-A Resort in Osage Beach, Mo. Both juniors and seniors

can audition for the All-State Choir. The auditions took place at Missouri Western State University, “It’s a great honor to be selected because it is very prestigious,” Gallagher said. “You are there with a lot of other people who love music.” The process of being selected for the All-State Choir includes adding the scores from the All-District Choir audition and the All-State Choir audition together, and whoever has the highest scores are selected for All-State Choir, Maryville High

School Vocal Music Teacher Nic Vasquez said. “It is a fantastic honor to be selected for the All-State Choir,” Vasquez said. “We have been very fortunate here the last three years that we have had students make it two years in a row.” Practices for the choir include a required eight hours, which took place on Jan. 11 at Cameron High School in Cameron, Mo. and on Jan. 18 at Central High School in St. Joseph, Mo. The All-State concert takes

place during the Music Missouri Educators Association Conference. The two students wanted to audition for the choir because it was a lot of fun, Bradley said. “It ended up being the best three days of the year, possibly my life,” he said. Vasquez most looks forward to the experience that participating in the choir will bring to his students. “I never made All-State Choir so to see these guys get the opportunity who both want a career in music after high

school is great,” Vasquez said. “Who knows? Maybe they will make it big like David Cook and take me to their audition (for American Idol), and say, ‘Here’s my high school music teacher.’” Bradley and Gallagher both strive to make a career in music. “It helps working with a different director to get the experience needed,” Bradley said. “The more directors you get to work with, the more opportunities you have to learn from them.”

Bradley remembers one of the music selections from last year being in a different language. It helped him to prepare for the selections that are in a different language this year. Gallagher will take the experience he learned from last year’s All-State Choir to add new experiences that will help him into finding a career in music. “We learned new pieces of music in new languages and it helped us take that extra step toward what we want to achieve,” he said.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



photo by seth cook | photography editor

CAROLE COUTTS RECEIVES the Women Mean Business Award Thursday, Jan. 15. Awards were given during the Greater Maryville Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet at the Maryville Country Club. For a full list of winners, see Nwmissourinews.com.

COMMUNITY SPORTS

Royals’ Winter Caravan makes stop at local Maryville business

By Ian Myers  
Missourian Reporter

Select players from the Kansas City Royals, both past and present, took a break from their off-season festivities by visiting Maryville on Jan. 16, as a part of their 40th annual Winter Caravan Tour. The event was held at the local Hy-Vee and gave Royals fans from around the area the chance to meet some of their favorite players from the organization, as well as get photos and autographs during their stop at the location. On hand for the event was newly acquired first baseman Mike Jacobs, 2008 All-Star closer Joakim Soria, Royals Hall of Famer Willie Wilson, designated hitter Billy Butler, former Royal and current hitting coach Kevin Seitzer, and 2007 Ford C. Frick award winner and Major League Baseball Hall of Fame broadcaster Denny Matthews. The players themselves were only scheduled to be in Maryville for around an hour, but ended up staying well past their departure time as fans from around the Nodaway County area kept piling in to greet them.

“There were a lot of good players here this year, both past and present,” said attendee and avid Royals fan Justin Hackney. “It’s always nice to see the players face to face.” Aside from chatting up team members, visitors were also given the chance to enter drawings for tickets, gift baskets, and other door prizes provided by the team. The event itself drew many fans from the area, including around 90 up-and-coming Royals fans from Eugene Field Elementary School, which gave players a more of a small-town, down-to-earth feel while they signed autographs for those in attendance. “It’s just good to be out in the public and see all of the people,” said Royals’ first baseman Mike Jacobs. “We’re more than willing to take time out of our schedule to let them [the fans] know we want them to come out and support us.” The caravan has made stops at the Maryville Hy-Vee in years past, due in large part to the Royals’ team sponsorship by the grocery chain in the Kansas City area. Staff members of the store hope to make an annual event of the caravan in hopes that the team

continues its visit to the area in years to come. “We would like to think so,” said Greg Chapman, Store Director for the Maryville Hy-Vee. “This is our fourth or fifth year and we plan on continuing it. As long as we get it offered to us, we would be glad to keep signing up for it.” Along with the general ‘how do you do’s’, many fans questioned the players on what they thought about the upcoming season, a season in which the Royals are hoping to make a significant move in the American League Central standings. Royals’ staff members on hand gave their two-cents about their feelings on spring training and the start of the 2009 season, spewing positive thoughts to the fans in attendance. As for the players’ thoughts on the season the answer was generally the same, as the team seeks to turn a few heads when Opening Day 2009 comes around in early April. “I think it’s going to be a real good, young team, kind of like the team I came from in Florida,” said Jacobs. “We expect to go out every day and play hard and win.”

FOOD DRIVE



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VOLUNTEER BRIAN FERGUSON unloads boxes of food from his vehicle at the Maryville Ministry Center. Volunteers from the Obama campaign and other Maryville residents conducted a food drive on Monday for the National Day of Service in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. The food drive helps Maryville families struggling to make ends meet in a poor economy. The volunteers said the response by the community was very good and they gathered 1005 items of food and \$858. The group hopes to have another food drive in the future.

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OUR VIEW

Campus centerpiece should remain without a name

Northwest's Administration Building serves more than just a physical purpose. It doesn't just block the wind or serve as a place to pick up paychecks and register for classes. It is the University's centerpiece, a structure that has stood for nearly 100 years and symbolizes this institution's long-lasting cohesiveness and camaraderie.

Tomorrow Student Senate will bring to the Board of Regents a resolution that recommends renaming the Administration Building after President Dean L. Hubbard. It's the stu-

dent body's way of honoring Hubbard's quarter-century of service to the University in preparation for his July 31 retirement. Senate leaders say the resolution has both written and financial support from alumni and other stakeholders.

However, the Northwest Missourian believes this proposal seems inappropriate, especially this year, when our centerpiece celebrates a bitter-sweet but important milestone.

Thirty years ago this July, an electrical malfunction started a fire that destroyed more than

half of the Administration Building. Northwest lost its theater, radio station studios and several other offices and classrooms.

But then-President B.D. Owens was optimistic. Rather than completely rebuild what was lost, Owens made the bold move of expanding campus. It was his vision of a "phoenix rising from the ashes" that gave Northwest a new library, performing arts center and new facilities for services and departments lost in the flames.

Yet it is the library that bears Owens' name, not the Adminis-

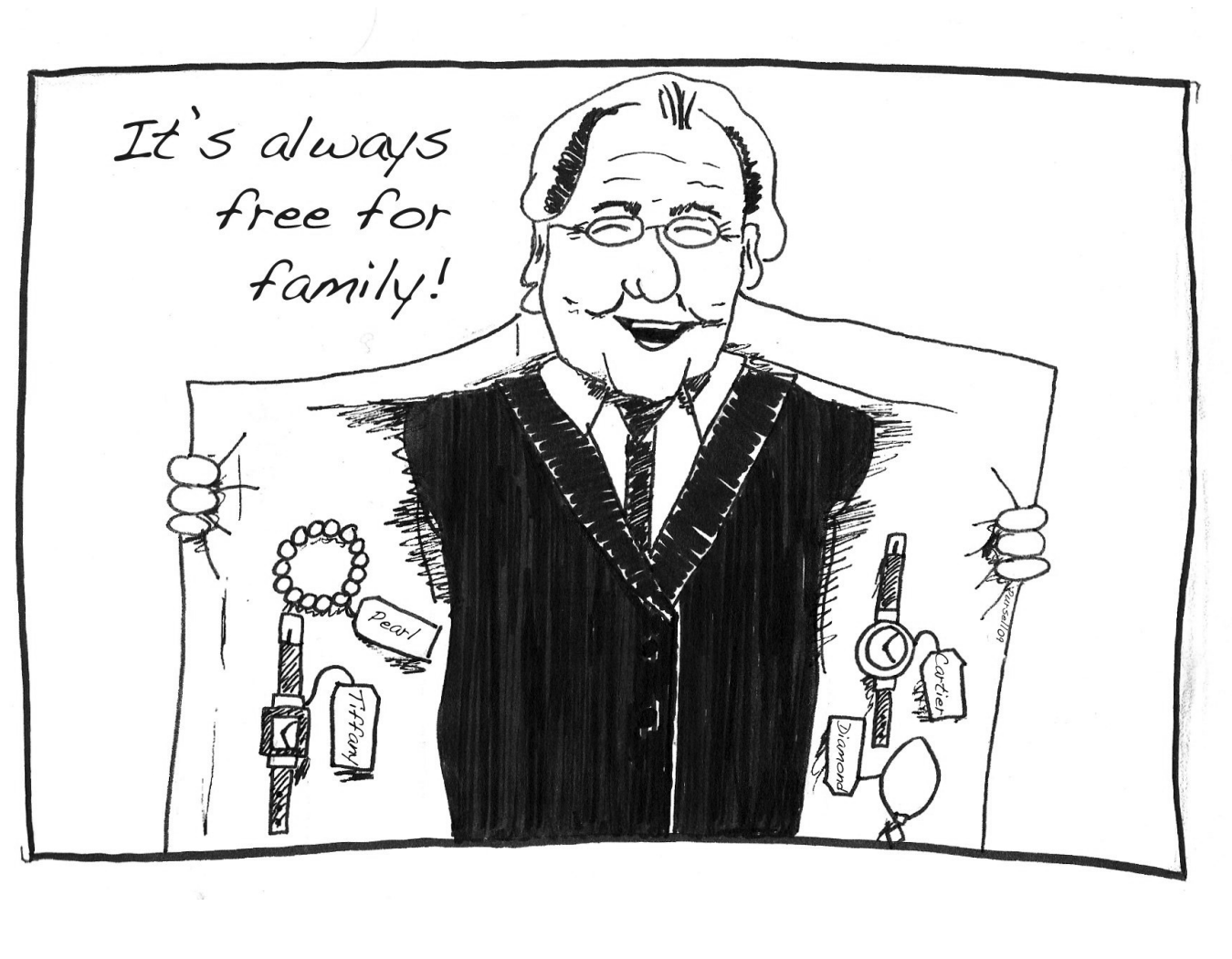
tration Building.

President Hubbard deserves to be honored. The Culture of Quality, Electronic Campus and other initiatives implemented under his leadership revolutionized the way the Northwest community thinks and operates. However, his name does not belong on a structure with such a rich history that well predates his tenure. Perhaps a more recent addition to campus, such as the Center of Innovation and Entrepreneurship, should be selected instead. It may drive away other, possibly big-reve-

nue companies who want their name on the building, but then again, big names Ventria Bioscience and Edenspace Corp. have already passed up the facility.

Since it opened in 1910, the Administration Building has never undergone a name change. This neutrality, intended or not, underscores the notion that no contribution to this institution, from a president or otherwise, has warranted bestowing symbolic ownership of the building to one person or group.

We believe it should remain that way.



MY VIEW

Treasury Secretary pick puts damper on Obama euphoria

Make no mistake: I have maintained fervent support for Barack Obama as leader of the free world since he announced his candidacy last February.

Since I first heard him speak, I have admired his perceived familiarity with the needs of the American people, his zealous concern for the environment, education and a sustainable economy; his calculated agendas for an end to the Iraq war, his persistent mantra of change and the unyielding joie de vivre he exhibits in conducting his affairs. Indeed, multiple likenesses of the president adorn the walls of my apartment and articles of my clothing, my bookshelf boasts his memoirs and I invariably peruse online news links containing his name. I am unshakably certain that the former Illinois senator brought the change we need to the White House on Tuesday.

However, even though my affection for Obama surpasses my fondness for any other complete stranger on

Earth, I cannot deny that the euphoria, which marked the pre-inaugural months, was hampered by his selection of Timothy Geithner to the position of Treasury Secretary.

It should now be wildly apparent—that is, since the National Bureau of Economic Research announced that the country has borne a state of recession since December 2007, which is expected to continue through 2009—that the U.S. economy cannot afford any measure of uncertainty or further fiscal irresponsibility if it is expected to achieve facsimiles of stability within the next year.

Much to the chagrin of afflicted world citizens everywhere, Geithner appears to bring both attributes to the table.

Only a few years ago, IRS auditors discovered that Geithner failed to pay self-employment taxes in 2003



Molly Huber  
Contributing Columnist

and 2004, totaling some \$16,000. Fortunately for Geithner, an oversight worth \$16K is apparently a chump-change infraction to the good ole boys at the IRS, easily reconciled by payment with interest and a heartfelt apology.

It was an "honest mistake," after all, as noted by Senate Finance Committee Chair Max Baucus.

Additional tax delinquencies uncovered by Obama vetters calls into question the sincerity of Geithner's "mistakes." After Obama nominated Geithner to his cabinet late last year, it was discovered that not only was Geithner "wrongly advised" by his accountant on his 2003 and 2004 returns, but had not gotten around to paying Social Security or Medicare taxes in 2001 and 2002. Only subsequent to his nomination did he find time to pay the \$19,176 in back taxes and \$6,794 in interest to the

government he may now be central to.

The irony of Geithner's conundrum should not be underplayed, despite his purported popularity across party lines or Sen. Orrin Hatch's endorsement of him as "a competent guy." Granted, he cannot be more ill-disposed to fulfill the requirements of his position than, say, former FEMA administrator Michael Brown, "kingpin of the Arabian horse world." But are his popularity and political éclat enough to navigate the economy out of crisis? Should the Cabinet secretary in charge of the IRS be allowed to blame \$34,000-worth of tax oversights on bad advice from his accountant?

I can only hope that the Senate opted not to tiptoe around these imperative considerations at yesterday's hearing, and has made its judgments with more than a nod to the economic context in which Geithner will be forced to serve.

Barry, you really could have done better.

CAMPUS TALK

What did you think of President Obama's inauguration speech?



"I think it was a historic event."

**Paige McPherson**  
Psychology/Sociology



"It was a great speech. It gave everyone his sense of hope for a brighter day."

**Joe Saffold**  
Pre-Professional Zoology



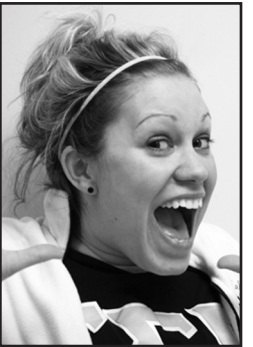
"It was a big deal, considering he was the first black president."

**Allison Flinn**  
Marketing



"I liked the fact that he emphasized a call to action for everybody and not just putting it all on himself."

**Jeff Scott**  
Political Science



"I think there was too much hype around the fact that he was African-American and not the issues."

**Kelsey Stuff**  
Special Education

MY VIEW

Protection of liberties slips with recent court ruling

The U.S. Supreme Court acts as a buffer between the interests of the state and the individual, and hopefully keeps an appropriate balance in the liberty issue, which occurs in all political units.

Recently, the Supreme Court gave its opinion on Herring v. United States, a case dealing with the Fourth Amendment (search and seizure).

The petitioner's vehicle was searched because of an arrest warrant that had been issued in a neighboring county, a warrant that was to be removed from the computer system five months prior, and was not.

What was found isn't necessary in determining two questions at hand: Is the Fourth Amendment lacking the necessary protection of individual liberty? Is the United States moving in a direction of state priority?

In case after case dealing with the Fourth Amendment, we see the protection of individual liberty slipping even further as police officers are awarded more power, and more jurisdiction that was earlier thought unfathomable.

Take, for example, the use of a drug-sniffing dog to be used at a routine traffic stop with no reason for a police officer to even suspect drug possession [Illinois v. Cabelles (2005)]. I won't get into the inaccuracy of dogs that alert to the scent of narcotics because the Constitution does not provide for accuracy. The point is there was no reasonable suspicion, just a hasty police officer.

Some might ask what the big deal is if he was committing a crime; so long as you are law-abiding, you are safe. This concept is inaccurate and dangerous. What happens when individual liberties are accosted to the point that the innocent regularly become victims of their government?

I realize Herring is fundamentally different than Cabelles, but the same pattern can be seen. The United States is moving away from individual liberty. The U.S., through its actions, laws, and rulings, has given the answer to whether the state or individual is prior, a question that was asked long before Aristotle, the nation-state, and before the United States. It is a question that must not be answered in a purely black and white response.

While one can (and most likely will) be weighted a little heavier than the other, both aspects are absolutely necessary in any legitimately functioning state. Without individual liberty, there would be no check on a government's actions. Without hearing state interests of defense and order, there would be no state, no government to provide protection for the people, the very reason for forming a state. An appropriate balance must always be kept.

It is a sad day when there is no longer balance in an aspect of government that is so fundamental, so necessary for all legitimate governments.



Kathleen Wilmes  
Opinion Editor

PUBLIC SAFETY

Jan. 6

**Bradley K. Porter**, 24, Hopkins, Mo., contempt of court, 400 block of N. Market

**Tyler S. Sledge**, 18, Maryville, driving without a valid driver’s license, 700 block of N. Main

Jan. 7

**Jeffery L. Moses**, 51, Maryville, wanted on warrant – failure to appear, 1100 block of N. College Drive

**Florence M. Madrid**, 20, Maryville, sale of alcohol to a minor, 1600 block of S. Main

Jan. 10

Burglary, ongoing investigation, 400 block of N. Main

Jan. 11

**Meghan C. Cox**, 21, Maryville, failure to comply, 800 block of E. Jenkins

Burglary, ongoing investigation, 1100 block of E. Fifth

Property damage, ongoing investigation, 300 block of E. First

**Cody A. Ford**, 19, Maryville, careless and imprudent driving, 1000 block of S. Main

Jan. 13

Stealing by deceit, ongoing investigation, 800 block of E. South Avenue

Jan. 16

**Tyler S. Young**, 18, Maryville, trespass – first degree, 1200 block of S. Main

Jan. 18

Disorderly conduct, ongoing investigation, 300 block of E. Summit

Jan. 19

**Steven W. Stains**, 32, Maryville, driving without a valid driver’s license, 900 block N. Main

ACCIDENTS

Jan. 4

Ricky L. Doolin, 38, Maryville, collided with Amber R. Volner, 27, Pickering, Mo., on the 100 block of S. Laura.

Jan. 6

An unknown driver collided with Brian J. Burris, Creston, Iowa, at the 1200 block of S. Main.

Jan. 8

**Mildred F. Partridge**, 79, Burlington Junction, Mo., cited with failure to yield, collided with **Hillary L. Wehrli**, 21, Maryville, at the intersection of North Buchanan and West Second.

Jan. 10

**Joel D. Hundertmark**, 28, Maryville, collided with Kimberly M. Eversgerd, 20, Maryville, at the intersection of West 16th and North Mulberry.

**Traci M. Harr**, 21, Maryville, was involved in an vehicle accident at the intersection of South Munn and Victory Lane.

**Joshua Schatzberg**, 19, Maryville, collided with a vehicle owned by Ali Elzen, Maryville, at the intersection of U.S. Business Highway 71 and East Sixth.



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PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA and his wife Michelle make an appearance at the President’s Home States Ball on the evening of his inauguration as the 44th U.S. president Tuesday in Washington D.C.

CEREMONY: ‘Excellent’

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“I thought it was a very good speech. I know some people are criticizing it because it there wasn’t specifics, but traditionally, inaugural speeches, their function is to move a people,” Eiswert said. “I think he did an excellent job in terms of trying to get us out of the way we’ve been thinking for the last eight, perhaps 20 years, which is, ‘What’s in it for me?’ He really called on all us to a higher vision, which is, ‘What can we do together?’”

“His speech called upon those images of the American tradition, which were, whenever we are down, our resolve and our common commitment to each other is what lifts us up. And that’s powerful.”

Senior Katie Jones attended the watch party in the J.W. Jones Student Union on

the Northwest campus.

“I think what he said makes a lot of sense,” Jones said. “I just hope he follows through on his plans.”

Gathered students watched silently as Obama was announced the 44th President and as history was made. Students applauded as Obama finished his speech that laid out his plans for his time in office.

A Lance Corporal for the Marine Corps Reserves, Kyle Barnett, attended the watch party to watch as his new commander in chief spoke to his people.

“This is a historical event in our nation’s history,” he said. “Seeing an individual rise from a lower class, so to speak, to show the American dream of anyone can be able to achieve their goals no matter what their ancestral background is.”

ECONOMY: Situation ‘isn’t as severe’ in Nodaway

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Everything that’s hot and trendy starts in New York or L.A. and kind of moves its way inward. It seems to be a similar thing economically.”

White takes the analogy one step further with the housing market in California and the financial crisis on the East Coast.

“Maybe they’ll converge and hit us a little harder, a little later, but we haven’t been hit really hard yet with a slowdown,” White said. “But we’ve felt it, no doubt one’s going on.”

Retail sales have fallen at Maryville’s local retail giant Wal-Mart as well, Store Manager Lonnie Scheffe said. Exact numbers for the store weren’t available, but nationally, retail sales fell 2.7 percent in the critical month of December, according to the U.S. Department of Commerce. City sales revenue from the Holiday shopping season months of November and December won’t be available until at least March.

Like White, Scheffe said the downturn isn’t as severe in Nodaway County.

“We’re not feeling it like the rest of the country is in some places,” Scheffe said. “Not right now, we’re not.”

The downturn hasn’t been severe, but moderate, Scheffe said. And in a store like Maryville’s Wal-Mart — which sells both perishable and non-perishable items — the drop hasn’t been in all departments.

“We’re looking more at the consumable items,” Scheffe said. “The items that people would buy on an everyday basis versus the luxury items that people are not so apt to buy because they’re watching every dollar they spend.”

Not all news is bad across Maryville however. At least one small business owner, Pagliai’s Owner Nathan Klaas, had yet to feel the effects of less expendable income in consumers’ wallets.

“We’ve actually held because I think people aren’t going to St. Joe as much, or going out to a movie,” Klaas said. They’re sticking around town.”

Shopping local is one of the tenants of another Maryville businessman. Todd Hill, the owner of Tri-State Ford, Lincoln-Mercury, said his auto business is meeting his projections since starting up in September 2008, and that buying a new car during the downturn might be a good idea.

“I’ve been selling cars for 25 years and this is the best time to buy something,” Hill said. “They’re giving you every reason to buy something. Great warranties, great information, great interest rates, lots of financing.”

The playing field with big city dealers has leveled, Hill said. Part of that has to do with what he said he believes is a shift toward localization. As a native of northwest Missouri, Hill said he’s glad to have contributed to that philosophy.

“We created 25 new jobs for this community. And these are good jobs for skilled people,” Hill said. “They’re people that live here. They’re people that get their haircut here, they buy their groceries here, they buy their insurance here, they use the medical services here. And that’s what I believe the future holds for regional shopping centers like Maryville.”

So while many trends in Nodaway County and Maryville may be similar to that of national levels, there are differences. There may be light at the end of the tunnel too, White said, but cautioned that things could get worse before they get better.

“I think what we’re going to see in 2009 is probably a similar movement to the downside through the first six months of the year. So you’ll continue to see the unemployment rate — nationally and locally — rise,” White said. “I am hopeful from the news I follow, the people that I trust and read in the business, that the second half of 2009, maybe we’ll start to see a firm bottom and a retrenchment and retooling and increase growth in the third or fourth quarter of this year.”

“But that would make it at least a two year recession, which is very long and very deep.”

OBITUARIES

**Lois Lavonne Everhart** 74, Hopkins, Missouri died Monday, Jan. 19, 2009 at Goldenrod Manor, Clarinda, Iowa.

She was born June 19, 1934 in Elmo, Mo., the daughter of Dana and Pearl (Goodwin) Carpenter. Lois received her GED and she had been a clerk at Wilson Grocery Store and at Shehan’s Clothing Shop in Hopkins. Mrs. Everhart had been a member of the Elmo Christian Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband: Jesse Everhart (June 27, 2005); infant sons: Donnie and Ronnie Everhart; sisters: Wilma Hunter, Velma Carpenter and Minnie Lee Carpenter and brothers: Charley, Byron, Galen and Wendell Carpenter.

Survivors include her children and their spouses: Jesse (Linda) Everhart Jr., Hopkins; Jerald (Corey) Everhart, Hopkins; Jeanne (Larry) Vorhies, New Market, Iowa; Janet (Al) Hoover, Pickering, Mo. and Julie (Chris) Markley, Hopkins; 15 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; sisters: Joan Sloan, Burlington Junction, Mo. and Dorothy Burch, Shenandoah, Iowa; brothers: Landis Carpenter, St. Joseph, Mo.; Doyle Carpenter, Elmo and Calvin Carpenter, Essex, Iowa.

Visitation is 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, 2009 at the Wray Memorial United Methodist Church, Hopkins.

Funeral Services will be 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, 2009 at the Wray Memorial United Methodist Church, Hopkins. Burial is in LaMar Cemetery, Elmo.

Memorial Donations may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association in Mrs. Everhart’s name.

**John Thomas Engle**, 85, died Friday, Jan. 9, 2009. A devoted husband, brother, father, and grandfather, he is survived by his wife Betty (Morehouse) Engle, brother Milton Engle, Jr., sister Lucy Potts, son Stephen Engle, daughter Laurie (Engle) Marlowe, son-in-law Chris Marlowe and two talented and lovely granddaughters; MacKenzie Kate and Grace Elizabeth Marlowe.

Born on April 1, 1923, in Sheridan, Mo.; John grew up on the family farm, assisting with the family business of raising and showing purebred Hereford cattle as part of the storied Jesse Engle & Sons cattle breeding business. In 1940, he graduated from Sheridan High School and shortly thereafter, relocated with his parents Grace and Milton Engle, to Hopkins, Mo. In November 1944 he followed his older brothers, Allyn and Milton Jr., into the Navy, serving as a Specialist 2nd Class. In 1945, John joined thousands of other active military personnel marching in President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s funeral procession through the streets of Washington, D.C.

After the war, John returned to Hopkins. On Feb. 22, 1947, he married Betty Morehouse at the United Methodist Church in Maryville. The couple eventually purchased a farm west of Hopkins, where they have resided the past 58 years.

After losing their first child (John David) at birth, the couple welcomed son Stephen in 1950 and daughter, Laurie, in 1963. In addition to farming and working

for LMP Steel and Wire for 25 years, John continued raising and showing purebred Hereford cattle. He also enjoyed reading, hunting, fishing and attending local dances with Betty. Last year, the couple celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary.

A memorial service is scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, at the Swanson-Price Funeral Chapel in Hopkins, Missouri. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in John’s honor to SSM Hospice of Northwest Missouri or the Wray Memorial United Methodist Church.

**Imo Betty Long**, 81, Graham, Mo., died Saturday, Jan. 17, 2009, at St. Francis Hospital, Maryville.

She was born March 28, 1927, in Graham, Mo. to Earl Ernest and Belle L. (Richey) Lowrance.

She married Verle Eugene Long on March 30, 1947, in Maryville.

Imo was a paraprofessional 22 years at Nodaway Holt R-VII Elementary School and was a member of Graham United Methodist Church where she taught Sunday School and Bible School. She was Cub Scout Leader, Den Mother, Girl Scout Leader, 4-H Leader, and a member of the Tri-C Nutrition Board.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband (Oct. 5, 2000). Survivors include daughters Diana Long, Graham, Debbie Wagoner, Clarinda, Iowa, son Verlin and wife Linda Long, Maitland, Mo., 12 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandson, brother Gerald Lowrance, Farber, Mo., sisters Beverly Haer, Oregon, Mo., and Irma Graham, Kansas City.

Funeral Service: 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2009, Price Funeral Home Chapel, Maryville.

Burial: Prairie Home Cemetery, Graham, Mo.

Memorial: Tri-C Nutrition Center, 208 South Second St., Maitland, MO, 64466.

**Phyllis Jean (Duncan) Tompkins**, 78, died Friday, Jan. 16, 2009, at the Golden Living Center in Maryville following a lengthy illness.

Phyllis was born on May 31, 1930, in St. Joseph, Mo., to Charles and Merline Duncan. She graduated from Savannah High School and from Platte Business School in St. Joseph. She worked as a bookkeeper for several years in St. Joseph. On Sept. 6, 1952, she married Doyle Tompkins. They lived on a farm near Barnard, Mo., for most of their married lives, moving to Maryville in the early 1990s.

Phyllis is survived by her husband Doyle, who was awarded Caregiver of the Year for his devotion to Phyllis while she was in the nursing home. Additional survivors include her children, Dwight Tompkins and his wife, Mary, of Sacramento, Ca., Brenda Ryan and her husband, Pat, of Mound City, Mo., and her granddaughter, Kimberly Tompkins, of Sacramento, Ca.

Funeral services were held on Monday, Jan. 19 at the Danfelt Funeral Home. Final resting place is in the Barnard Cemetery. Memorials can be directed to the Alzheimer’s Association or to the New Nodaway County Humane Society.

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# HEADING SOUTH FOR A SMOKE

Iowa citizens commute to Missouri to save on cigarettes

By Kenny Larabee  
Community News Editor

Across the country, Americans who choose to smoke may be feeling a little snuffed out.

Smoking bans have become commonplace in restaurants and parking lots. Even the last social bastion of the smoker, the bar, has become the target of a society increasing its efforts to eradicate public smoking.

But one unintended consequence arose from all these efforts.

"Bob" is a smoker that lives on the state border between Missouri and Iowa. One of Iowa's estimated 327,000 adult smokers, Bob has had to make many changes since March 16, 2007. That's because on that date, then newly-elected Iowa Governor Chet Culver signed a bill that raised Iowa's state excise tax from \$0.36 to \$1.36 — a dollar a pack.

Bob said he knows smoking is bad for him. He fully understands the side-effects of the habit. But smoking is his freedom, his choice. And instead of quitting, he just went south to buy his cigarettes.

That's because while Iowa ranks 19th in the nation for the highest state cigarette excise tax rates at \$1.36 a pack, Missouri ranks 49th, charging just \$0.17 a pack. Only South Carolina, at \$0.07, charges less.

And since Bob lives on the state border and works in Iowa, he not only buys cigarettes for himself, but his co-workers as well.

"I think at one time I was buying for 12 or 14 different people at work, once a week," Bob said. "There's 12 to 14 cartons every week."

When signed into law, Culver pledged that the bill would help combat youth smoking in Iowa. Sales in Iowa dropped 36 percent in the first year after the law was enacted. But smok-

ers like Bob say a lot of money is flowing out of Iowa and right into Missouri.

Mike Foster is the owner of the Smokeshop, a business that specializes in the sale of tobacco and tobacco products. He owns Smoke-shops in Clarinda, Iowa, Braddyville (just on the south side of the Missouri-Iowa state line) and Hopkins, Mo. Sales have struggled in his Iowa store since the tax increase, he said.

"It's devastated just about all of the tobacco business in Iowa," Foster said. "Our sales have just dropped like crazy in Iowa."

A carton of a leading brand like Marlboros can sell for up to \$41.60 in Clarinda, but as low as \$27.99 in Maryville. Not only that, but fourth-tier cigarettes (low-end manufactured cigarettes) cannot be sold in Iowa.

Fourth-tier cigarettes such as Honors or Sabre can sell for \$10.99 a carton at Foster's stores in Mis-souri. His cheapest carton in Iowa sells for \$26.75.

"It's like this, you jump something up \$10 more than across the line anywhere, where are people going to go?"

The difference has been noticed in Missouri. Casey's Store Manager John Beeman said he's noticed an increase in the sale of his cigarettes to buyers from Iowa. Specifically, cigarettes by



## State Cigarette Excise Tax Rates and Rankings

STATE	TAX	RANK
New York	\$2.75	1st
Iowa	\$1.36	19th
Kansas	\$0.79	32rd
Nebraska	\$0.64	34th
Missouri	\$0.17	49th
South Carolina	\$0.07	50th

the carton. "They always buy car-tons," Beeman said. "I've got several buyers from Iowa who come down maybe once a month and buy six cartons."

Bob said the amount being bought over state lines is even more dramatic.

"There's a couple of old ladies that come from Coun-cil Bluffs — I don't know why they don't go to Nebraska — they fill the trunk of a Cadil-lac every time they come down," Bob said.

The Smokeshop in Iowa isn't the only retailer feeling the pinch. Phillip's 66 Store Manager Cheryl TenEyck said the Clarinda station's sales have dropped a third since the tax increase. While she believes some of her smokers have kicked the habit, many just go to Missouri.

"My cigarette sales have gone down since gas has gotten cheaper. If they have cheap gas, they can drive. If they don't, they go ahead and buy them here," TenEyck said. "If they run out, they'll buy a pack here, but they buy their cartons south."

Proponents of the tax increase point to a 22

per-cent drop in the state's smoking since the tax increase as sign the tax is accomplishing its goals.

But it's not just cigarettes that are causing money to leave Iowa for Missouri, Foster said, noting that Clarinda is just a half an hour drive from Maryville.

"Say you smoke two cartons a week," Foster said. "You can, right now, drive down to Missouri, save \$30 a carton, fill your tank of gas up cheaper because the gas tax is cheaper, go down and buy your groceries at Wal-Mart, and enjoy yourself, and come back and you've saved money. Just off what you'd have spent on cigarettes in Iowa."

Bob said he would continue to smoke; it's his right, even while government clamps down on smokers and not other luxury goods, like alcohol.

"We're losing out all the time and it's getting ridiculous," Bob said. "It's just like alcohol and gambling, people are going to do it. If you make it illegal here, they'll go somewhere else and all it causes is bootlegging. They should of learned from the '20s and '30s, but I guess they didn't."

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MEN’S BASKETBALL

# Men struggle through rebuilding season

By Christopher Woodland  
Sports Editor

Halfway through the 2008-'09 season, the Northwest men's basketball team finds itself in the middle of a rebuilding season. The Bearcats limped through the first half of MIAA play this year. The 'Cats compiled a 2-7 record against conference foes, and 7-9 overall, and are in danger of missing the MIAA conference tournament for the first time since 1991. Northwest has won 15 or

more games in each of the last 10 seasons, and 20 or more in eight of its last nine behind coach Steve Tappmeyer. Tappmeyer knew his team would struggle this year, behind just one returning senior, forward Hunter Henry. "We just knew coming in that a strong part of our teams in the past was having a strong core of fourth and fifth year guys," Tappmeyer said. "We knew we didn't have that, but I think we have a core of young guys and I think we're heading in the right

direction." The 'Cats' young core of payers consists of five freshmen and two sophomores. One of the sophomores, forward Elijah Allen, has made an increasing impact as the season drags on. After averaging just 7.1 points per game through the first seven games, Allen has averaged 15.3 since breaking into a starting spot over the last nine games. Tappmeyer attributes Allen's emergence to confidence. "He's playing with a lot more confidence now," Tapp-

meyer said. "He's been in there playing more, and once he got his confidence, he really upped his level of play." Confidence could be the largest missing piece of the puzzle this year. The 'Cats brought momentum from their 61-57 victory over No. 19 Central Missouri into its Saturday game at Southwest Baptist. "Any time you can beat one of the top teams in the conference it's big,"

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JUNIOR GUARD MIKE Larsen goes up over UCM defenders for the lay-up in the Bearcats Jan. 14 victory. The young 'Cats hope to keep improving the second half of the season.

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WOMEN’S BBALL

# Dedication pays off at Invitational

By Jason Lawrence  
Asst. Sports Editor

The Northwest indoor track and field team came back from winter break in record-breaking fashion.

Assistant Coach Tessa Koschel was pleasantly surprised by the results of the Nebraska Holiday Inn Invitational.

"I was excited more than anything," Koschel said. "To see the importance the athletes put on track and field to have the dedication for over one month to go home and do what they need to do. It's great for each of the people who are doing well right now, it's much deserved."

Anna O'Brien broke the school record in the 5,000-meter run in Lincoln, Neb. last weekend. O'Brien sees the record as how she will leave her mark on the school.

"That's one way of doing it (leaving a mark)," O'Brien said. "It makes me feel good; I mean the record is from 1980 something. I'm glad, but I want more."

O'Brien ran the 5K in 17:51.71, falling just short of a provisional qualifying spot. O'Brien said she enjoys testing herself against D-I competition.

"I like it, it's a challenge," O'Brien said. "To beat somebody from Nebraska or from Iowa State, I think you just try harder, it's challenging. You want to see where you're at in the midst of D-I schools."

Ben McKim posted a career best in the shot put and increased his provisional qualifying mark with a throw of 53 feet and six and one-fourth inches.

Ron Purnell was the top Division II finisher in the 200-meter dash and improved his career best time by more than half a second with a time of 22.68 seconds.

Hannah Henry lowered her season best in the 60-meter hurdles and Jacob Dupin had a season best in the high jump and won the unseeded competition. Dupin attributed his success to training over the break.

"I actually did it this year," Dupin said. "In years past, I didn't. I'd usually gain weight and come back and get back in shape. This year I came back pretty much where I was at and in shape."

The team has two meets scheduled for this weekend. The distance runners and four other athletes will head to Ames, Iowa to compete in the Iowa State Open on Friday and Saturday. O'Brien is looking forward to this weekend.

"I have high expectations," O'Brien said. "I run my best at Iowa State and in the past I've had my best indoor races there. There's a full field of good runners, but I expect to do well."

The rest of the team heads to Lincoln to compete in the Prairie Wolf Invitational on Friday.

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# WILL BOBBY GO BROKE?

## Athletic department hopes to avoid economic fall

By Dustin Sander  
Community Sports Editor

In 2009, Northwest athletes may end up wearing the same jerseys and staying a little closer to Maryville.

The athletic department, like others across campus, is expecting cuts for 2009 due to the struggling economy.

The University, like every other University in the state, was told to create a report for what would happen to the school if budget cuts were enforced by the state. Although no plans will be definite until the Gov. Jay Nixon, State of the State Address Tuesday Jan 27th. In the address, Nixon will announce the budget for the state's colleges and how much the university is expect to cut, Vice President of Finance Ray Courter said.

"We don't know yet what will happen," Courter said. "It's a step by step process."

The athletic department will expect cuts, but to what extent Athletic Director Bob Boerigter is unclear.

"Once the University decides exactly the direction we have to go with our budgeting process and our plans and the Athletic Department would definitely follow suit of that," Boerigter said. "We're not going be held harmless and not be expected to do some belt tightening and make some adjustments within our budget."

Just like other departments, we will have to make the appropriate responses with the information that comes our way. At this particular point we don't know what the degree of that will be. We have to let that process play itself out ... I can't give you the specific scenario."

Every program has been alerted of the fact they will have less money to spend next year, Boerigter said. Every program will be forced to make cuts beginning with how many games each team plays and where.

"We advised them to look at their schedules maybe next year they don't make that extended trip that they would have made before," Boerigter said. "We have extended trips in a number of sports to California or Utah where ever it might be ... So we've alerted them all of that so next year might not be the time to make that trip."

Nearly all the Northwest sports programs make an extended trip sometime during their season. This year, three Northwest teams traveled to every part of the country for regular season events. Women's basketball traveled to St. George, Utah, men's basketball traveled to San Antonio, Texas and volleyball traveled to Oakdale, N. Y. During all of the trips a total of only six games were played.

"The exotic travel is kind of important to recruiting and other stuff," woman's basketball coach Gene

Steinmeyer said. "Sometimes we worry too much about it, we think we have to give the kids more than we really need to, I think we spoil them sometimes and I don't think cut backs are bad. We can all go a little less spoiled in every department."

Another significant part of a team's budget that may be cut is equipment such as uniforms, Boerigter said. Teams normally get new uniforms every season; they may not receive a new set every year but typically new home, away or warm-up jerseys.

Coaches aren't fretting too much over the threatened budget cuts.

"It's just a fact of life," Steinmeyer said. "We're no different than anybody else, the tough thing is that we've already got our schedule set for next year. ... but it's just a fact of life, you're going to have to find places to cut things ... I just don't consider it as a major crisis, it's just like everything else it will pass."

Boerigter has experienced budget cuts at Northwest before, in 2002. Then the department had to make similar cuts to meet the budget. In '02 no jobs were terminated and Dr. Boerigter doesn't expect that to happen for '09.

"We lived though it once, we'll live though it again," Steinmeyer said. "Budget cuts affected us, it's tough, it's tough, but it's a fact of life, I have to cut my budget at home."

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

SENIOR GUARD MEGHAN Brue drives the Bearcats down the court in the second half. Brue led Northwest in scoring with 14 points. It was her 16th straight double-dig it game.



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senior photographer

By Brian Bosiljevac  
University Sports Editor

It was a tale of two halves for the Northwest women's basketball team last night.

The Bearcats (6-11, 2-8 MIAA) let a close game slip away from them as they dropped their eighth conference game of the season to Missouri Southern (13-4, 7-3 MIAA).

"They're (Missouri Southern) aggressive, they're in your face and if you don't go back with their aggression and their strength, if you don't attack it, then that's what happens," head coach Gene Steinmeyer said.

The start of the game didn't look good for the 'Cats. The high energy Southern offense came out quick to put Northwest behind 7-0 early in the first half. The 'Cats scratched their way back into the game going on an 8-3, tying the game at 19 with 3:43 left in the first half.

When 'Cats came out of the locker room after half time their chances at a comeback victory disappeared.

The Lions got off to another fast start to begin the second half. Only this time, there would be no comeback from the 'Cats.

"Their shooters never got off decent shots the first half," Steinmeyer said. "In the second half we lost India-Wood. When they had the run to jump the lead from 10 to 20 (Danielle) DeVader had a three and in the scouting report it said those two don't even get a look and we lost them four times in a little time span."

At one point in the beginning of the second half, the 'Cats had four turnovers within three offensive possessions, which took away any chance at getting back in the game, Steinmeyer said.

Senior captain Amber Vandevender made it back to the court for the first time last night since being injured.

"I thought she (Vandevender) played pretty well," Steinmeyer said. "She limped a little bit out there, but I think she really did a decent job."

See **WOMEN** on **B2**

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Half time adjustments for 6-11 Bearcats

By Brian Bosiljevac  
University Sports Editor

As the Northwest women’s basketball team reaches the mid-way point of its conference schedule it will begin playing each team a second time. After a frustrating first half of the season the Bearcats hope to make the correct adjustments the second time around.

The ‘Cats will begin the final stretch of the season at home tomorrow.

Although senior Meghan Brue and freshman Shelly Martin agree the team plays its best ball at home. Head coach Gene Steinmeyer wonders if home court advantage will be a factor.

“Look who we’re playing,” Steinmeyer said.

Next up the ‘Cats prepare to take on the titans of the MIAA, Emporia State and Washburn.

Emporia stands on top of the MIAA conference and holds a No. 5 national ranking. Washburn is third in the MIAA and is also ranked in the top-10 nationally. Together the Hornets and the

Lady Blues lead the MIAA in 13 of 19 categories.

Northwest is sitting on a 2-7 conference record only one game back from being tied for last place in the MIAA. The 2-7 record doesn’t tell the whole story for the ‘Cats though. Four of those seven losses have been by four or less points.

“Three of the four we had to come from behind,” Steinmeyer said. “The key is to have the lead. We are just always climbing that hill. We need to have the lead in the last two minutes.”

The Bearcats injuries have only added to the fire of Northwest’s rough start. Before the season ever started the ‘Cats found out they were going to lose their six-foot two-inch Division I transfer Gentry Dietz due to injury. Through the course of the season, another Division I transfer, Abby Henry, was slowed by a knee injury and only returned to the court for limited play last weekend.

As the ‘Cats prepare to make their second-go-round of their

MIAA foes their roster is still missing two of their four seniors, Amber Vandevender and Jessica Burton, along with freshman Kate Dekker.

Steinmeyer has asked many players with little or no college experience to step up and play key roles on this injury filled roster.

“They have responded great,” Steinmeyer said. “I can’t ask for anything more than what the kids have put on the floor. I have called on kids who have hardly been on the floor all year and they have responded.”

Senior leader Brue agreed with Steinmeyer in the way the new girls have performed. She explained how difficult it is to come in as a freshman and play right away.

“We have handled the rough start as best as we could,” Brue said. “We are trying to make the best of it. It is definitely not easy to take. Hopefully we will start winning games.”

Brue’s approval should mean a lot to the younger girls on the

team. She has been on the court more than any other ‘Cat this year. She also leads the team in scoring, rebounding and steals.

“I think we (younger players) have responded really well,” Martin said. “I think the last couple of games we have been playing our best ball and with people starting to return from their injuries we should only get better.”

One-thing freshmen, seniors and coaches all agree on is the season is not lost.

“Our all-in goal is to get to Kansas City (MIAA tournament),” Steinmeyer said. “If you get to Kansas City anything can happen.”

Last year the ‘Cats entered the MIAA tournament a fifth seed and won it all never facing a team seeded lower than them. They continued on to the NCAA regional tournament and upset No. 1 West Texas A&M, before losing in the Semifinals to conference foe Emporia State.

Can the ‘Cats play Cinderella two years in a row?

MEN’S STATISTICS 1/17		
Northwest		Baptist
61	Score	82
39.3	Field Goal pct.	43.3
37	Rebounds	43
16	Assists	19
33.3	Three point pct.	31.0
17	Turnovers	18
7	Steals	14
58.8	Free throw pct.	78.6
1	Blocks	3

MEN’S GAME LEADERS	
<b>Points</b>	<b>Rebounds</b>
1.) 19 - Hunter Henry	1.) 9 - Hunter Henry
2.) 15 - Elijah Allen	2.) 8 - Elijah Allen
3.) 5 - Three tied	3.) 5 - Mike Larsen
<b>Assists</b>	<b>Steals</b>
1.) 5 - Mike Larsen	1.) 1 - Six NW players
2.) 3 - Edriss Floyd and Elijah Allen	had one steal in the game
<b>FG percentage</b>	<b>3-pt percentage</b>
1.) 100 - Vernon Weddle	1.) 100 - Hunter Henry
2.) 66.7 - Jake Reinders	and Kyle Haake
3.) 54.5 - Hunter Henry	3.) 50 - Jake Peterson

WOMEN’S STATISTICS		
Northwest		Missouri Southern
47	Points/game	64
37.0	Field Goal pct.	35.5
32	Rebounds/game	39
10	Assists/game	15
16.7	Three point pct.	40.9
18	Turnovers/game	13
5	Steals/game	11
78.6	Free throw pct.	91.7
5	Blocks/game	1

WOMEN’S GAME LEADERS	
<b>Points</b>	<b>Rebounds</b>
1.) 16 - Shelly Martin	1.) 7 - Micaela Uriell
2.) 14 - Meghan Brue	2.) 4 - Melissa Nyquist
3.) 8 - Micaela Uriell	and Rickeya McElroy
<b>Assists</b>	<b>Steals</b>
1.) 4 - Micaela Uriell	1.) 2 - Shelly Martin
2.) 1 - Six NW players	2.) 1 - Three NW players
had one assist	had one steal
<b>FG percentage</b>	<b>3-pt percentage</b>
1.) 66.6 - Amber Vandevender	1.) 50.0 - Shelly Martin
2.) 62.5 - Shelly Martin	2.) N/A
3.) 50.0 - Meghan Brue	3.) N/A

MEN: Expect better second half of season

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freshman gaurd Kyle Haake said. “Every win is important, and it shows that we can beat any team in the MIAA.”

The ‘Cats played side-by-side with No. 5 Southwest Baptist for most of Saturday’s game before falling 82-61. They trailed by seven at halftime, and closed the gap to four early in the second half.

The turning point came in the second half when Baptist came away with a seven-point possession to put the game out of reach.

The foreign concept of a seven-point possession occurred when Mike Larsen intentionally fouled Brandon Burgette on a breakaway layup. The referee tagged Larsen with a technical.

D’Ante Harris made both free throws, and a three-pointer completed the seven-point possession and knocked Northwest out of the game.

Little mistakes, like Larsen’s foul, may lead to more wins down the road.

“I just think right now we’ve been making strides, but haven’t gotten it all

together,” Haake said. “If we can eliminate the mistakes I think we can win some games down the stretch.”

With the second half of the conference season about to tip off, Northwest must battle to secure a sport in the MIAA tournament.

Currently ninth in the conference, only the top eight make the tournament.

With the younger player gaining confidence as well as experience, Tappmeyer feels a post-season run is a possibility, but mostly want to focus on making sure that his team continues to improve he said.

“It’s important to just play well and make sure we’re getting better,” Tappmeyer said. “You can’t do much about what the other teams are doing, we just have to focus on (our next game). We’ve seen everybody already so hopefully we can get a run going.”

Northwest plays the second and third games of a three-game home-stand against Emporia State at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday and against Washburn at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday night.

BEARCATS 72 - 70



photo by seth cook | photography editor

EDRIS FLOYD STOLE an inbound pass following Hunter Henry’s two free throws to defeat Missouri Southern 72-70 Wednesday night. Henry led all scorers with 23 points. Mike Larsen added 11, and Floyd finished with 8.

WOMEN: Second half collapse

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She hit a couple shots. She ran the team when we asked her to run the team. It’s always tough to come back that first time, but I got no problem with Amber.”

Northwest senior Meghan Brue did manage to keep her streak of scoring double-digit points alive. Brue shot 50percent from the field bringing in 14 points and lengthening her streak to 16 straight games.

Another bright spot on the ‘Cats roster was freshman Shelly Martin. Martin scored 12 points and was two of four from behind the three-point line.

It was the ‘Cats’ six-foot two-inch Rickeya McElroy who struggled last night. McElroy ranks second on the team in scoring but

only scored one point from the free-throw line against the Lions last night.

“You could tell by her body language it was going to be a rough time for her,” Steinmeyer said.”

Even with a 2-8 conference record, the ‘Cats refuse to call it quits.

“It hasn’t put us back any more than we were,” Martin said. “We’re still right there, with the injured people coming back and younger people getting experience. Hopefully later on when we make the (MIAA) tournament everyone will just be ready to go.”

The ‘Cats have two days to get prepared for the fifth best team in the country. Northwest will take on the MIAA leader, Emporia State, at 1:30 p.m. tomorrow at home.



SHOOTING OVER A Missouri Southern defender, Sophomore Rickeya McElroy attempts an inside shot in the paint. Northwest struggled to score inside in their 64-47 loss to Missouri

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Boys hold on to early lead

By Dustin Sander  
Community Sports Editor

The Maryville boy’s basket- ball team barely held on for a win against Mid Buchanan Tuesday night.

The Spoofhounds won 68-61 in a thrilling second half where the ‘Hounds all but imploded after being up 40-18 at the half.

“I told my assistant coaches at halftime, this lead kind of scares me because I hope we don’t relax and let them pick it up,” coach Mike Kuwitsky said. “They’ve (Mid Buchanan) been behind like this many times this year. With their style of play, they’re going give up points and they’re going to get points.”

Mid Buchanan pressed the ‘Hounds the entire game and the pressure wasn’t a problem for Maryville in the first half. In the second half, the ‘Hounds weren’t as cool and were beat by the press.

“We just didn’t take our time,” senior John Farmer said. “Getting in

a hurry and turning the ball over.”

When the ‘Hounds came out for the second half, Mid Buchanan picked up their intensity and forced turnover after turnover from the ‘Hounds.

“I told them ahead of time, what this press wants you to do is even if you beat it, hurry down the floor, and take a bad shot or make a bad decision so they can get the ball and go the other way,” Kuwitsky said. “So if we beat it, score, but if we don’t beat it, set it up and run some offense. Then when we did start doing it, they just started trapping every pass, then when they finally started calling some fouls on them, then that made a difference.”

Maryville’s lead dwindled from 22 to 13 in the third quarter after it scored only eight points. Mid Buchanan kept pressure on the ‘Hounds and brought the game within striking distance quickly in the fourth quarter.

“I kept reminding them that we had the lead, even as it was dwin-

dling, we still had it,” Kuwitsky said. “So even though all the momentum was going to them, we still were up eight to nine. Even when they got it to six, I told them, at that key timeout, ok they’ve got momentum and they’re all excited, but we’re up six with 20 seconds to go. I’d much rather be at this place than where they’re at right now.”

Maryville held onto a two pos- session lead in the last minutes of the game when Mid Buchanan started hitting three point- ers to give the ‘Hounds added pressure. They hit their free throws to hold off the red-



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SPOOFHOUND SENIOR ADAM Mattson drives past a Mid Buchanan defender in the first half of Tuesday nights game. Maryville won 68-61.

hot Mid Buchanan team.

Maryville will play Chillicothe at 7 p.m. Friday at home.

BASEBALL CLIN-

Northwest holds clinic for teenage baseball players

By Christopher Woodland  
Sports Editor

Kids hoping to improve their skills on the baseball dia- mond this spring will get the opportunity to do so on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 at the Northwest campus in Maryville.

Open to kids ranging from 13-year-olds to high school seniors, 2009 Bearcat Baseball Clinic will teach fundamentals to aspiring baseball stars.

Northwest coach Darin Loe will hold the two-day event for the ninth consecutive year. He also uses the clinic as a way to scout possible for future recruiting classes.

“One of the big things is that the NCAA doesn’t let us bring kids in for workouts in the spring,” Loe said. “It gives us the opportunity to work out players and find possible recruits. We have a couple kids on the team right now that we got from the clinic. It’s an opportunity for the kids to come in and showcase their talents.”

One current Bearcat that decided to enroll at Northwest after attending the clinic is Northwest junior pitcher Ben Stedronsky.

“I came when I was a senior,” Stedronsky said. “It’s one of the recruiting tools they use. A lot of kids that are seniors end up getting invited to the workout at the end of summer.”

About 120 kids normally show up, with last year’s atten- dance reaching 165. Kids come from as far away as Kansas City and Omaha, Loe said.

The first day will focus on pitching, while the sec- ond day the Northwest play- ers and coaches will instruct proper batting techniques and

defense.

On Saturday, pitchers will work around five different pitching stations and have their pitches clocked for speed.

Sunday will focus on hit- ting and spend time in the batting cages, and receive the opportunity to watch film.

The film sessions consist of a breakdown analysis of Bearcat batters, and proper technique.

“We talk about mechan- ics and vision, and basically just tell them ‘this is how it’s done,’” Loe said. “We’ll break down film of our own players, and talk about hand place- ment, sight, motion and stuff like that.”

The clinic produces even more benefits than allowing Loe and the other coaches to scout up-and-coming talent from an early age.

“It’s fun to see these guys come in and progress,” Loe said. “We have a lot of guys that come back year after year. Also it gets us ready for the season. It gets us thinking about baseball again.”

The Northwest players mostly volunteer to work the clinic for the chance to help young baseball players improve their game.

“It’s kind of nice to get to see kids come in here, and to try to help them develop into better players,” Stedronsky said.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Girls throttle Falls City, await Mid Buchanan

By Jason Lawrence  
Asst. Sports Editor

A fast start and an up-tempo zone defense led the Spoofhounds to victory over Falls City, Neb.

Maryville’s shifting zone held the Tigers to only nine first half points. After the first quarter, the score was 17-2. The ‘Hounds went into the locker room at halftime with a 43-9 lead.

Megan Walker outscored the entire Falls City team in the first half and led Maryville with 10 first points on five-for-five shooting during the first two quarters.

“At halftime to see your post player at 5-5, you like to see that,” Coach Grant Hageman said. “That

means we’re getting the ball inside and she’s getting it in position to score. The guards we’re doing a great job of getting her the ball and that’s something we haven’t done lately.”

“The pace was kind of slow, we just played zone defense,” Molly Steins said. “I thought we played pretty good defensively and all right on offense.”

They gave up 21 points over the final two quarters while working on the zone press and trying out some different things that the team might use later on down the road, Hageman said.

The ‘Hounds won 70-30 while only hitting two three pointers in the game and improved their

record to 8-3 on the season. Three players scored in double digits for Maryville and four others scored more than six points. Steins led the team with 12 points in the victory.

“I like to see that, because then you’re hard to guard,” Hageman said. “If you have a lot of girls that can score from a lot of different areas, then you’re not one dimen- sional. Hopefully, we’re a team that’s hard to guard on offense.”

Hageman said that despite the big win, there is still room for improvement.

“Defense is still a weakness,” Hageman said. “It was pretty bad to start the season and it was a weakness last year. I’d say it’s come around to being average to close

to being good, but we’re going to need it to be great to be a great team. Most nights we can score points, but it will be our defense and our ability to box out that will be the difference.”

Mid Buchanan is up next for the Spoofhounds. Hageman said the Dragons are a scrappy bunch and have a tendency to get out to fast starts.

“We’re going to have to play hard and I think we will,” Walker said. “We’re going to have to play our game. When we played them last year, we did a lot of run and gun stuff and pressed, so I could see us doing that again.”


The ‘Hounds and Dragons tip- off Monday at 7 p.m. in Faucett.

ATHLETES

OF THE


WEEK

Anna O'Brien




Anna O'Brien broke Northwest's 21-year old 5,000 kilometer record last weekend at the Holiday Inn Invitational. It was her first career 5 kilometer race. She broke Lisa Basich's record of 17:54.24 in 1988 by running in a time of 17:51.27. The time was .51 seconds away from provisionally qualifying for nationals.

Hunter Henry




Hunter Henry shut down the returning MIAA league MVP last Saturday. Henry held Southwest Baptist's Matt Rogers to 10 points and six rebounds in a loss. Henry on the other hand finished with 17 points and nine rebounds. Henry currently leads the MIAA in rebounds with 9.4 per game.

Megan Walker



By the end of the first half against Falls City, Walker had scored more points than the entire Falls City team. On 5-of-5 shooting, Walker collected 10 points in the first 16 minutes, and was vital in the Spoofhounds 43-9 halftime lead. Maryville and went on to route their opponent 70-30.

Molly Steins



Steins helped lead MHS to a 70-30 win over Falls City last Friday. She scored 12 points to lead the team and hit one of the team's two three-pointers in the game. She also helped get the ball inside to the post players for easy points. Steins will be an important part of the Spoofhounds next game at Mid-Buchanan.


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Officials need to ref games not change the outcomes

Referees that involve themselves in the outcome of games have got to go.

I was in Bolivar to cover the basketball games against Southwest Baptist this past weekend and saw something players often complain about, but seldom carries much merit.

One of the refs in the women’s game was a woman with an ax to grind against Meghan Brue. I say that because if memory serves me right, this female ref called every single one of Brue’s five fouls in the game.

Brue picked up a couple of cheap early fouls in the game against the Bearcats, and picked up a technical when she uttered a four letter word while picking herself up off the ground late in the first half of a back and forth battle.

I would put money on it that there was not a single person outside of the female referee that knew

why there was a technical foul on the senior guard at the time she blew the whistle.

Brue didn’t yell it or direct it at the referee.

She had been knocked to the ground along the baseline in the process of passing to a teammate for a bucket.

I had no idea what had happened. I asked the people around me to find out what I had missed, but nobody had a clue.

Last Wednesday during the men’s game, I witnessed Central Missouri coach Kim Anderson drop an f-bomb about every five minutes, and he was yelling them. Even I was left wondering if he should tone it down with the young kids roaming around. He received no repercussions.

Cussing happens when people are stressed and wound up in the ups



Christopher Woodland  
Sports Editor

and downs of sports.

In the second half, Brue could only look up at the scoreboard and crack a smile in disbelief when the same woman called her for her fourth personal foul of the game on another ticky-tacky call.

Brue would score 11 points during a 10-minute stretch of the second half, and attempted to not touch anyone out of fear of fouling out.

That stretch ended when ol’ girl decided to call Brue for her fifth and final personal foul with five minutes left and Northwest ahead 71-70.

A look washed over Brue’s face like that of someone who had just had her heart ripped out. She pulled her jersey up over her face as she walked over to the Northwest sideline.

Northwest lost the game by three

with its best player only able to offer verbal support from the bench.

I’m not saying star players deserve special treatment in close games, but the officials’ job should be to let the players decide the outcome of the game.

I think more officials should take after the crew in the Cardinals - Eagles game last weekend.

The refs could have called a pass interference penalty on the Eagles’ final play, but the ref let the players battle it out to decide the outcome without throwing a flag.

What I saw Saturday though, was a terrible display of professionalism on the part of the referee.

Anyone who calls a game in that way should no longer work anywhere in which she has any power at all.

This is the type of woman that makes men afraid to vote for a female president.

MIAA STANDINGS

Men

	MIAA	OVERALL
Southwest Baptist (6)	7-2	14-2
Emporia State	7-2	13-3
Central Missouri (24)	6-3	13-3
UNO	6-3	12-4
Washburn	6-4	10-7
Missouri Southern	5-4	15-4
Fort Hays	4-5	11-5
Missouri Western	4-5	7-9
Northwest	2-7	7-9
Pitt State	2-7	7-9
Truman	1-8	6-10

\* Wednesday games not included.

Women

	MIAA	OVERALL
Emporia State (5)	8-1	14-2
Central Missouri	7-2	12-4
Washburn (10)	7-3	14-3
Missouri Southern	6-3	12-4
Pitt State	6-3	11-5
Fort Hays	4-5	8-8
UNO	4-5	7-7
Southwest Baptist	4-5	7-9
Northwest	2-7	6-10
Truman State	1-8	4-12
Missouri Western	1-8	1-14

\*Wednesday games not included.

SPORTS STAFF GAME PICKS

Woody’s picks

Prediction record (1-3)

**NCAA Lock**  
Louisville at Syracuse — UL  
I wanted to pick Syracuse in this game, because like Bulldog I just had a gut feeling about it. But he got the pick first. So, I am going to pick Louisville. Syracuse got killed by Pitt on Monday, and by Georgetown two games before that.

NCAA Upset

Wisconsin at Illinois. — Badgers  
Wisconsin has lost two straight, but both were against tough teams and both ranked higher than Illinois. Wisconsin will bounce back in this win and will be back in the top 25 before long.

NCAA Lock

Memphis at Tennessee — Tigers  
I don’t like Dustin anymore. He is a worthless, tall, goofy looking bearded wonder. He’s probably the sort of creep that would throw little stones at a girl’s window at 3 a.m. The same girl who has a restraining order against him. Therefore, Memphis wins.

NCAA Upset

Brown at Yale — Brown  
Yale won the last meeting between these two. Due to the laws of probability, Ivy League kids like to abide by proven scientific laws, Brown wins because the laws of probability say they should.

Brian “The Bulldog’s” picks

Prediction record (2-2)

NCAA Lock

UConn at Notre Dame — UConn  
I see the mighty Fightin’ Irish having a rough week ahead of them. They are coming off back-to-back losses and the road doesn’t get much easier. After losing to the third ranked Huskies they have to take on No. 10 Marquette and No. 4 Pitt. The Irish will need all the luck they can get with this upcoming schedule.



NCAA Upset

Marquette at Notre Dame— ND  
Of course, I wouldn’t let the Irish lose four straight. They’ll pick up the win against the Golden Eagles before heading on the road to Pitt.

NCAA Lock

Louisville at Syracuse — Orange  
I actually really like the Cardinals. I just have a gut instinct the Orangemen will take this one at home. If these two were to meet again in the ‘Ville or in March Madness I would put my money on the scrappy Louisville team who took it to Pitt last weekend.



NCAA Upset

Oklahoma at Okie State — OK St.  
It’s a long shot, but the Cowboys have been playing pretty good and the in-state rivalry makes it more exciting. Plus it’s no fun to always pick the sure thing, aka Dustin.

Jason’s picks

Prediction record (2-2)

NCAA Lock

Maryland at Duke — Duke  
Maryland flat-out has no chance, plain and simple. Although I’m not a big fan of Coach K, the Blue Devils are firing on all cylinders and Gerald Henderson is coming on strong for a Duke team that should be playing deep into the tournament.

NCAA Upset

Michigan St. at Ohio St. — OSU  
Michigan is on a hot streak and due for a letdown. They are on an 11-game winning streak, but OSU is getting David Lighty back, so their luck is changing for the better and they should pick up a quality win over a very good MSU ball club.

NCAA Lock

Wisconsin at Illinois- Illinois  
Sure, Wisconsin has lost two in a row, but they should pick up a win over Iowa before Illinois beats them in this match-up. Illinois is a much stronger team and should compete for their conference title.

NCAA Upset

Baylor at Oklahoma — Baylor  
I’m going with Murphy’s law on this one. Everything that can go wrong will go wrong for Oklahoma. Baylor’s front court will shut down the Griffin brothers. Let’s hope Baylor can use the opportunity to stay on top with a big upset.

Dustin’s picks

Prediction record (4-0)

NCAA Lock

Baylor at Oklahoma — OK  
Baylor has finally come out of the cellar in men’s sports to be a ranked team, but they don’t have what it takes against Blake Griffin and the Sooners in Norman. This game won’t even be close.



NCAA Upset

Memphis at Tenn— Tenn  
The Vols did it last year to knock off Memphis while they were No. 1. Both teams are down this year, but I’m taking the Vols in a upset again even though John Calipari is at the top of my list as far as college basketball coaches go.

NCAA Lock

Purdue at Minn — Purdue  
Purdue has lost four games this season, but all four against great teams like Duke and Oklahoma, who are two of the best teams in the nation and the Boilermakers gave them both scares. Plus, as far as I know the only sport the Golden Gophers are good at is hockey.

NCAA Upset

UConn at Notre Dame — ND  
I hate Notre Dame sports but Luke Harangody has looked like a man among boys, so I’m unfortunately picking the Irish. But for once, I get the chance to pick against Bulldog.

MIAA STATISTICS

MEN’S SCORING MARGIN

## Team	G	OFF	DEF	Margin
1.Southwest Baptist	16	91.8	73.1	+18.8
2.Central Missouri	16	79.9	63.4	+16.6
3.Emporia State	16	80.8	69.5	+11.2
4.UNO	16	83.1	71.9	+11.2
5.Missouri Southern	19	76.2	68.5	+7.7
6.Fort Hays State	16	71.4	64.5	+6.9
7.Washburn	17	79.9	73.6	+6.2
8.Northwest	16	70.1	66.6	+3.4
9.Pitt State	16	76.1	73.6	+2.5
10.Missouri Western	16	74.6	75.4	-0.8
11. Truman	16	65.1	68.6	-3.5

WOMEN’S SCORING MARGIN

## Team	G	OFF	DEF	Margin
1.Emporia State	16	87.7	62.2	+25.4
2.Washburn	17	71.1	56.9	+14.1
3.Pitt State	16	77.1	65.4	+11.7
4.Missouri Southern	16	69.4	60.7	+8.7
5.Fort Hays State	16	70.4	61.9	+8.5
6.Central Missouri	16	71.8	64.9	+6.9
7.UNO	14	70.4	67.4	+3.1
8.Southwest Baptist	16	71.8	74.1	-2.2
9.Northwest	16	66.9	69.8	-2.9
10.Truman	16	61.1	67.8	-6.6
11. Missouri Western	15	62.5	75.1	-12.5

MEN’S SCORING LEADERS

## Player-Team	Cl	Games	Pts Avg/G
1.Rogers,Matthew-SBU	JR	16	19.2
2.Taylor,Carlos-PSU	SR	16	17.8
3.Henry,Hunter-NWMSU	SR	16	17.6
4.Eggins,DeAndre-WU	SR	15	17.5
5.Jenkins,Michael-UNO	SR	16	17.2
6.Wilbern,Lamar-ESU	JR	16	16.3
7.Evans,Tyrone-FHSU	SR	16	15.5
8.Albers,Mitch-UNO	SO	16	15.2
9.Young,Joe-UCM	SR	16	15.1
10.Thuston,Dominique-MWSU	SO	15	15.1

WOMEN’S SCORING LEADERS

## Player-Team	Cl	G	Pts Avg/G
1.Bright,Janice-WU	SR	17	17.9
2.Creed,Courtney-SBU	SR	16	17.0
3.Mueller,Georgia-TSU	SR	15	16.3
4.McCombs,Nicole-PSU	JR	16	16.2
5.Boston,Cassandra-ESU	JR	16	15.8
6.Biel,Erica-FHSU	JR	16	15.2
7.Brue,Meghan-NWMSU	SR	16	15.0
8.Bancroft,Naomi-FHSU	JR	16	14.5
9.Edwards,Ida-ESU	SR	16	13.9
10.Leiker,Andrea-ESU	SR	13	13.8

MEN’S REBOUNDING

## Player-Team	Cl	G	Avg/G
1.Henry,Hunter-NWMSU	SR	16	9.4
2.Rogers,Matthew-SBU	JR	16	8.4
3.Wilbern,Lamar-ESU	JR	16	8.0
4.Stukes,TJ-PSU	JR	16	7.9
5.Peintner,Tim-FHSU	JR	15	7.6
6.Ateba,Vincent-MSSU	SR	19	6.6
7.Evans,Ivan-PSU	JR	15	6.3
8.Freeman,Ethan-TSU	SO	16	6.2
9.Petersen,Justin-UNO	SR	15	6.1
10.Luellen,Tremaine-UCM	JR	16	6.1

WOMEN’S REBOUNDING

## Player-Team	Cl	G	Avg/G
1.Biel,Erica-FHSU	JR	16	11.5
2.Edwards,Ida-ESU	SR	16	11.0
3.Brue,Meghan-NWMSU	SR	16	8.1
4.Brodsack,Amanda-UNO	SR	14	7.4
5.Volkens,Alli-ESU	SO	16	7.1
6.Mueller,Georgia-TSU	SR	15	6.9
7.Joya,Laura-TSU	JR	16	6.9
8.Roberts,Rebecca-UCM	SO	16	6.6
9.McCombs,Nicole-PSU	JR	16	6.5
10.DeVader,Danielle-MSSU	SR	16	6.0

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# Top 5 picks of the week

By Marshall Carlson  
Entertainment Reporter

**New to Theaters** – “Slumdog Millionaire” hit theaters on Tuesday. The movie follows the story of Jamal Malik, an 18-year-old orphan who grew up in the slums of Mumbai. One day, Malik is chosen as a contestant on the Indian version of “Who Wants to be a Millionaire?” Unfortunately, as he is one question away from the big prize, the show breaks for the night and police arrest him in suspicion that he is cheating. Each scene of the movie explains how Malik was able to answer each question.



**New album in stores** – ska punk band Reel Big Fish released their latest album, “Fame, Fortune and Fornication” on Tuesday. The 10-track disc contains covers of Poison’s “Talk Dirty to Me” and “Nothin’ But a Good Time,” The Eagles’ “The Long Run,” as well as covers of songs originally by Van Morrison, Slade, John Mellencamp and Tom Petty.

**TV show to check out** – Inspired by the Japanese hit game show, “Hole in the Wall,” Fox has remade this bizarre series and has released its own version in the United States. Contestants face an approaching wall with cut-out shapes and attempt to squeeze through. If not, they are swept into a pool of water behind them. Call it what you will, this weird Japanese game show is wildly entertaining.

**New DVD out this week** – “Henry Poole Is Here” was released on DVD Tuesday. The comedy drama stars Luke Wilson (“3:10 to Yuma” and “My Super Ex-Girlfriend”) who portrays Henry Poole, a man living the good life with his fiancé. However, as things are looking great for Poole, a quick visit to the doctor’s office changes everything. Devastated by the horrible news he receives, he decides to purchase a cookie-cutter house in the middle class suburbs in an attempt to blend in. One day, a neighbor of Poole notices a stain on his stucco wall that seems to have magical healing powers.

**New to theaters** – “Underworld: Rise of the Lycans” hits theaters this week. The prequel story traces the reasons for a centuries-old feud between vampires and their former slaves, the Lycans. During the Dark Ages, Lucian (Michael Sheen), a young Lycan, arises as a powerful and inspirational leader. He persuades the werewolves to aid the Lycan race to rebel against Viktor (Bill Nighy), the wicked vampire king that is holding the Lycans as slaves. Lucian is joined in battle by his secret lover, Sonja, in the fight for freedom.



## STROLLER

### Your Man complains about complainers

If one more person decides to tell me that it’s cold outside, I am going to lose my mind. Seriously people. Seriously?

I know this is really going to sound cliché, but what part of the human mind deems it necessary to alert others about bad weather? Didn’t you just see me walk in the door?

I think I could understand if I was wearing shorts and sandals, but being bundled up and shivering should convey the fact that my body realizes the temperature.

At this point I want to remind everyone of the winter we have had so far. We didn’t have our first frost until mid-November. There were many days with temperature above 50 degrees, and two days after Christmas, it was almost 70.

Still want to complain? The ice storm last year left thousands of people without power for weeks. And a few years before that, we had 8 inches of snow in two days. I’m knocking on wood as I say this, but if you ask me, this winter has been more than we could ask for.

We live in northwest Missouri; winter here can be just as rough as our neighbors to the north. Deal with it and



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feel lucky we aren’t buried in ice.

At risk of sounding demanding, everyone also needs to stop griping about parking. It makes my stomach turn when I hear on-campus residents talk about having to park in gravel lots.

When I was a freshman, I had to walk to every class, through two feet of snow and uphill both ways. I dare you to prove me wrong on that.

With all things considered, how would Northwest make more space for parking? They could fill in the pond, or tear down the bell tower and all of those beautiful trees.

Then the people who walk would lose the scenery.

And where would the wild-life live? Quit being selfish, think about the squirrels and their well-being.

We can’t spend our lives complaining about things we have no control over. Nevertheless, I know that first thing tomorrow morning I will be informed that it’s cold and windy, and that someone’s body part “almost froze off” on their way to class.

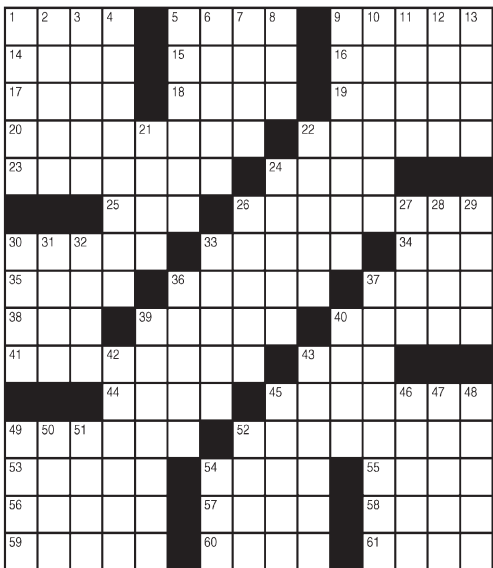
I’ve decided that instead of openly losing my mind, I’ll just smile and nod. Afterwards I can grind my teeth and die a little inside.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of *The Northwest Missourian*.

## Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Hairless
  - 5 Marching band instrument
  - 9 Brown pigment
  - 14 Leer lustily
  - 15 Smell
  - 16 Hangman’s knot
  - 17 Woe is me!
  - 18 Earthen pot
  - 19 Wave top
  - 20 Sent payment
  - 22 Thundered
  - 23 Topped the bill
  - 24 Ringlet
  - 25 Lord’s Prayer starter
  - 26 Traditional tune
  - 30 Come to pass
  - 33 Cathedral areas
  - 34 Director Ang or Spike
  - 35 Letters for big shots
  - 36 Apple drink
  - 37 Decree
  - 38 WSW’s opp.
  - 39 Worried walker
  - 40 Kicks
  - 41 Recovered ownership
  - 43 Negative word
  - 44 Provocative look
  - 45 Space Needle site
  - 49 Register
  - 52 Old-time movie feature
  - 53 Brownish gray
  - 54 Regal address
  - 55 Madame Bovary
  - 56 Dark yellow
  - 57 Breakfast
  - 58 Dalmatian
  - 59 Burpee order
  - 60 Sharpen
  - 61 Unit of loudness

- DOWN
- 1 Wild pigs
  - 2 Shoelace end
  - 3 Camel cousin
  - 4 Wishful
  - 5 Bottom line in publishing
  - 6 Didn’t stay active



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- 42 Fled to wed
- 43 Most recent
- 45 Suit material
- 46 Musical beat
- 47 Citrus fruit
- 48 Make jubilant
- 49 Greek letters
- 50 Designate
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- 54 Do tailor’s work

## REVIEW

### Mickey Rourke slams role in ‘The Wrestler,’ makes comeback

By Brian Johnson  
Entertainment Reporter

Professional wrestling is the most misunderstood form of entertainment. It is a ballet of violence, blood, body slams and pure emotion all for the cheering of the fans.

To the casual viewer, professional wrestling may be a B-movie category, but now no longer thanks to the heart-breaking performance of Mickey Rourke (“Body Heat”).

Here’s a little background on Rourke: during the 1980s and 1990s, he was an imposing action film star. However, a tumultuous personal life of DUIs and a rocky marriage seemed to hinder his professional life.

All of that can be forgiven and forgotten thanks to “The Wrestler.” Rourke has made the comeback of the decade as professional wrestler Randy “The Ram” Rob-

inson.

Robinson used to be a Madison Square Garden headliner in the 1980s but now is penniless, living in a trailer, estranged from his daughter and performing independent shows for little scraps of money.

Robinson soon has to face his own mortality. Doctors tell him that he should stop wrestling because his heart has been weakened by years of steroid abuse as well as abuse in the ring. All of this on the eve of the biggest

rematch of his career with his old adversary “The Ayatollah” played by real-life wrestler Ernest Miller.

Director Darren Aronofsky, whose only other successful movie was “Requiem for a Dream,” has employed many of the same themes in both films. The darker parts of the world such as drugs, abandonment and loneliness were prominent in “Requiem for a Dream” and Aronofsky has returned to his bread and butter for “The Wres-

ter.”

Aronofsky has taken the world of professional wrestling and stripped it down to its bare bones. Forget the WWE world of The Rock and Hulk Hogan. This is the starving artist part of this world.

The independent shows that include over-the-hill wrestlers and unknown wrestlers really open the viewer’s eyes about the real world of professional wrestling. Yes the blood is real, yes there are steroids and yes, careers are short, lonely and poor.

However, none of this is more tragic than the character of Robinson. Rourke has given the best acting performance of his career and of any actor in 2008. If he does not get the Academy Award for Best Actor it will be a travesty.

Rourke’s performance is sad yet gratifying at the same time. One feels absolute grief over the broken down character but also privileged to

see such a great performance.

You can’t help but compare his work to the work of Robert DeNiro in “Raging Bull.” A tragic story of a once great athlete that the viewer wants to see overcome their demons and become the champion they once was.

This film can almost be called “The Mickey Rourke Story.” The downtrodden personal lives of Robinson and Rourke are eerily similar which may be why it’s such an engaging performance.

The film has shown the world of professional wrestling in a serious light and for that I will be eternally grateful, but it is more than just a movie about wrestling. It’s a character story that transcends any sport. Rourke could’ve played a former professional ping-pong player and I still would’ve been in tears by the end.

“The Wrestler” is the filmed resurrection of Rourke and will leave you cheering for another “finishing move” from this surprisingly and satisfyingly capable actor.



## REVIEW

### Ferras surprises, impresses with extensive vocal range, instrumental creativity

When it comes to new music, I’m usually on top of things. I listen to a lot of stuff before it hits the mainstream, which gives me a sense of pride when it finally hits big – it’s kind of cool to be able to say “oh, I’ve been listening to that for months,” like it’s not a big deal.

However, I must say I’m a little disappointed with myself in that department right now. Over Christmas break, while flipping through the unnecessary channels at my mom’s

house, I came across a Direct TV concert special. I was somewhat interested when I began watching and saw Katy Perry strutting her stuff across the stage, but it was who came next that really caught my attention.

Ferras, whose debut album, “Aliens and Rainbows” hit stores April 2008, which makes me kick myself for not finding this guy sooner. The album is a great mix of piano ballads and upbeat songs you can easily sing along to, and his voice

range is incredible.

The first single from the album, “Hollywood’s Not America” has been all over the radio and video countdowns, and was also used on season 7 of “American Idol” as the exit song when contestants were kicked off. The song is one of my favorite songs of the album, with a mellow beat and great vocal range.

Another of my favorite songs is “Rush,” a ballad that really shows Ferras’ great voice. In the song, the piano

is the only instrument used, which isn’t very typical in pop music. It’s always refreshing to find artists that can actually play their own material – and even better when it’s something uncommon for their genre, like piano.

Even though I’m a little behind at “discovering” this hot new artist, I strongly suggest checking out his album. There isn’t one song on the 12-track album that disappoints, and I can’t wait to hear new stuff from Ferras when the



Sydney Moore  
Features Editor

time comes. Until then, I’ll be keeping my eyes open so I’m not the last to know – again.

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By Sydney Moore  
Features Editor

Most filmmakers spend months perfecting their latest flick – writing, casting, filming, editing. In the end, the hard work pays off and the cast and crew have a sense of accomplishing such a large task in only a few months. For a few Northwest students

interested in filmmaking, the process time was cut dramatically for the Frostbite Film Festival, held Jan. 17.

The contest is the Northwest Independent Filmmakers Club version of the Apple Inc. independent film contest, which was delayed this year.

Will Murphy, who acted as director, editor and videographer for the film said the group is made up

of students who are not particularly just broadcast majors. The group took it upon themselves to create their own festival similar to Apple's, to use as a dress rehearsal for the big contest.

"We thought we'd do our own, why not?" he said. "If they can do it, so can we."

David Morgan, president of the Northwest Independent Filmmakers Club, designated the

rules for the contest, which are similar to Apple's contest. Each video entry was required to be three minutes, finished in 24 hours and include peanut butter, black and white footage, a church, a fight and a flashback.

A panel of film professionals, along with various university and faculty members, judge all entries and the winner will be announced tomorrow.



photo provided by will murphy

Taking a break from filming the disastrous picnic date scene, Courtney Hill, Will Murphy, Brianna Moseman, Phil Meyer and Bruce DuVall find time to joke around and enjoy themselves.

## Cast & Crew

**Courtney Hopkins** –  
Tammy, editor for director's cut  
**Phillip Stuart Meyer** –  
Todd, videographer  
**Will Murphy** –  
Director, editor, videographer  
**David Morgan** –  
Contest organizer  
**Danny Thompson** –  
videographer, audio  
**Courtney Hill** –  
videographer, audio  
**Brianna Moseman** –  
graphics, audio, videographer,  
flashback editor  
**Bruce DuVall** –  
video, audio  
**Dan Rasmussen** –  
audio, created all music  
**Chris Oyler** –  
guitarist

# LIGHTS, CAMERA, LOVE

## Northwest Independent Filmmakers Club up all night for 'Love is Blind'

Saturday, Jan. 17, 2009

**8:00-9:45 a.m.** – Morning planning meeting at Will's

"We got everybody together and when we started, we didn't plan anything," Murphy said. "In fact, we tried not to plan anything. We found that if you just get what the elements are, sit down and say, 'how can we start using these,' and then build a story around it, it will work much better than trying to work things into something by force."

"We knew we had Phillip Stuart Meyer as an actor, so we knew what his talents were going to be," Murphy said. "After 15-20 minutes of throwing ideas around, we finally came up with the idea, what if we start the movie with having some guy get slapped? There will be a slap and a pause and we'll just backup and we'll kind of show people what happened to bring him to that moment. So we started off with that concept and we went through, throwing one-liners back and forth and finally somebody said 'well, what about a dating show?' We thought instead of a movie, maybe we could make

a reality series. We decided to go for it, go out on a wing and we ended up with what I think is a pretty good take of a MTV dating show."

"For female actresses, we kind of looked around and found we had one in our midst – Courtney Hopkins. They played very well back and forth, so we just picked up and ran. We sat down and scripted what the basic scenes were going to be, and it took until about 9:30 to get our script together."

**9:45-10:30 a.m.** – Everyone heads in different directions to gather props, costumes and scout locations

**10:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.** – Shoot picnic scene at the Church of the Nazarenes

"Phil would have the incredibly stupid idea to go on a picnic, because it was about 20 degrees outside with 30 mph winds," Murphy said. "It was a great way to work in a church, so we took them on a picnic, and of course, Courtney's character hates the whole idea, so you get that Phil is kind of witless."

**12:45-1:00 p.m.** – Back to Will's to shoot scenes using the exterior of the house

**1:00 - 2:00 p.m.** – Lunch at HyVee.

**2:15-3:15 p.m.** – Back to Will's to shoot scene of Phillip running down the street

**3:30 - 4:45 p.m.** – Coffee shop scene in Hudson\ Perrin lounge

"We shot a scene where the go back to a coffee shop to warm up and Phil forgets his wallet so she has to give him money," Murphy said.

**4:45-5:00 p.m.** - Walk to Fine Arts building to shoot flashback scenes. Shoot Phillip's slap scenes on the way over

**5:00-5:28 p.m.,** - Shoot high school flashback scenes in the Fine Arts building

**5:30-6:00 p.m.** – Back to Will's to grab snacks before heading to Wells Hall

**6:00 - 9:20 p.m.** – Begin shooting scenes in the TV studio, while others work on audio, music and graphic editing.

**9:30-10:30** – Playtime.

"One of the biggest things we've learned doing a contest like this is, it's more important to stop and play every once in a while than to keep going and get everything done," Murphy said.

"We decided to make use of all the equipment and staged a jam session. We took about a half an hour break from editing, which at 6 a.m. didn't seem like it was

such a great idea, but at 10:30 it was a good time. Literally the whole crew was playing bass, guitars, rockin' out in the TV studio singing Goo Goo Dolls at the top of our lungs, and it was just a time to sit down and enjoy what we're doing."

**10:30 p.m.-4:30 a.m.** – Editing continues.

"We had multiple people on different computers doing blocks at a time," Murphy said. "I was master editing, Brianna was editing flashbacks and graphics and Dan was editing the music."

"During this time, we were also doing what is called laying over looping. It's when you take the audio that didn't work, redo it and add it back in."

**4:30-5:15 a.m.** – Revisions. The crew watched the video multiple times, discussing what they liked and didn't like, and cut and changed things that needed to be fixed.

**5:15-5:45 a.m.** – Getting ready for send-off.

"This is when we began compressing the video for submission on the Web," Murphy said. "We got the video uploaded and everyone was cleaning house and headed out the door by 6:00."



photo provided by will murphy

For a flashback scene, Bruce DuVall films Phil Meyer as he portrays the high school jock he claims to be in his online dating profile.



photo provided by will murphy

Crew members Brianna Moseman and Courtney Hill huddle close to stay warm between takes on the set of the NW Independent Filmmakers' film, "Love is Blind."